



FY 2014

One -Year Action Plan

Lake County, Ohio

Submitted to the U.S. Department of
Housing and Urban Development

Annual Action Plan
2014

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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The development of the Lake County Consolidated Plan (FY 2012-2016) helped local communities identify needs and apply for funding that can be used to expand economic opportunities, essential public services, and decent affordable housing. Current annual allocations include \$1.2M in CDBG and \$370,657 in HOME. The FY 2014 annual plan has used the Consolidated Plan's documented goals and measurable objectives in pursuit of meeting needs at the local level. This is a time and economic climate when the needs are abundant and the competition for resources is tight. In 2013 the jurisdiction converted to the new tool, eConPlanning Suite for the creation of the Annual Action Plan. The current Consolidated Plan was created during the latter phases of the development of the new tool, while it followed the format of the new tool it was submitted for review as a paper document.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The Consolidated Plan documents five (5) funding objectives. These objectives were utilized in the award determination of the FY 2014 jurisdiction's federal, state and local funding resources to address the identified community needs. These objectives are reflected in the award of both CDBG and HOME allocations. OBJECTIVE #1: Offer Housing Programs to Provide Safe and Decent Housing for Low-to-Moderate Income Households; OBJECTIVE #2: Targeted Infrastructure Improvements in Low-to-Moderate Income Residential Areas; OBJECTIVE #3: Provide Appropriate Supportive Services for Low-to-Moderate Income Persons; OBJECTIVE # 4: Coordinate efforts between public agencies and Continuum of Care agencies to Address the Issues of the Homeless and Special Needs Population; OBJECTIVE # 5: Promote a regionally coordinated economic development planning strategy, which includes businesses, non-profits, officials from the County and its communities, officials from outside the County, and area

residents that identifies ways to create and maintain employment in lower to middle income sectors of the workforce.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Lake County continues to meet expenditure deadlines, timeliness test and project accomplishments on an annual basis. Lake County's HOME program was recognized by HUD as ranking #1 in the State in a number of categories and 6th overall when compared to other HOME Participating Jurisdictions in Ohio.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Annual Action Plan process was introduced at the Public Hearing #1, when the availability of funding was announced and those interested in applying for funds were briefed on the program requirements and application process. The notice was published in the news paper and posted on the County's website. The Consolidated Plan was discussed and related back to the goals for the FY 2014 funding. Public Hearing #2 announced proposed projects for FY 2014, and a notice was published in the newspaper and posted on the county website. Lake County received verbal public comments during the public hearing and during the public comment period.

Attend planning meeting to apply for CDBG and HOME grants

TRINÉ 3/7/14

PAINESVILLE - The mandatory Pre-Application briefing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) federal programs will be conducted by the staff of the Lake County Planning and Community Development Office Friday, April 4 at 10 a.m.

The mandatory briefing will be held at 105 Main St. in Painesville in the Administrative Assembly Room on the lower level. Attendance

at this meeting is a requirement to apply for CDBG and HOME funds for FY 2014 (Oct. 1, 2014 - Sept. 30, 2015). Due to limited seating, one representative per organization is suggested.

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Lake County Consolidated Plan FY 2012-2016 (ConPlan) will occur. Staff will address the importance of the proposed activities and their ability to address identified priorities while meeting the objectives and measurements consistent with the ConPlan.

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known.

The applications will be made available at this meeting. Applications must be completed and returned by 4 p.m. May 16 to the Lake County Planning and Community Development Office. The applications will require

measurements of activities and outcomes that will facilitate the implementation of the HUD - ConPlan and will meet the expectations of HUD directives (i.e. Prevailing Wage/Davis-Bacon Act, Section 3, and Affirmatively Fair Housing).

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CDBG pre-application briefing planned

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3.9.14 Article

Lake County to receive federal funds

John Arthur Hutchison
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4/4/14

Lake Commissioner Daniel P. Troy discusses the allocations at www.News-Herald.com



Lake County is slated to receive a combined \$1,635,000 in fiscal year 2014 federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program.

Commissioner Daniel P. Troy said the county is poised to receive about \$1.269 million for CDBG and \$370,000 for HIPP.

Troy said the CDBG allocation is a \$4,400 reduction from last year and the HIPP allocation is an \$18,000 increase from the previous year.

"Based on some of the reductions we've experienced over the last few years, that's fairly welcome news,"

Troy said. The commissioner said there also will be a little more money available from interest payments from a CDBG-funded county revolving loan fund that borrowers have started to pay back.

Entities and communities that seek to apply for funding from either CDBG or HIPP are required to attend a pre-application meeting April 4,

said county Administrator Jason Boyd. The meeting will be at 10 a.m. in Painesville at the county administration building's lower level assembly room.

Boyd said a representative from the

county Planning and Community Development Office will be at the meeting to answer questions about project eligibility, timelines and to hand out applications.

"As Jason has indicated, the process starts tomorrow morning in terms of allocations, we're pretty direct that in order to participate you need to participate in this meeting tomorrow morning," Troy said on April 3.

Before commissioners make a final decision on the local allocations, they are required to conduct a public hearing and then pass a resolution to allocate the funding.

In general, such funds are used to help low- or moderate-income residents and senior citizens and to help spur economic development.

The direct allocation received by Lake County from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development also helps leverage additional funding from other federal, state, local and private sources.

Communities, organizations or individuals that request the federal funds can apply to the county, which then determines whether a project is eligible for funding. The completed plan then is submitted to HUD, which then determines the allocation.

The city of Mentor also is considered an entitlement community by HUD and runs a separate program from the county's.



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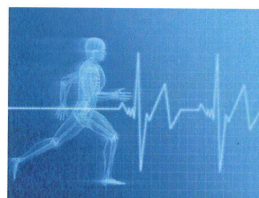
CDBG & HOME - Thursday, March 20, 2014

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM(HOME) MANDATORY PRE- APPLICATION BRIEFING

- FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2014 10:00 AM
- 105 MAIN STREET, PAINESVILLE, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ASSEMBLY ROOM ON LOWER LEVEL.

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Health Trial - Tuesday, December 24, 2013



MEDICAL TRIAL

MetroHealth Medical Center, in conjunction with Case Western Reserve University, will participate in a national trial to see if outcomes for critically injured patients with uncontrolled bleeding can be improved by administering plasma to these patients while in flight to the hospital. Plasma is one of several components delivered from donated blood and is comprised of vital clotting factors.

The research study is titled "Prehospital Air Medical Plasma Trial," or "PAMPer" sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense. In a first-of-its-kind study, randomized patients who are at risk of hemorrhaging and flown to MetroHealth Medical Center could receive two units of plasma, which can improve a patient's ability to clot and ultimately survive their injuries.

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PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY - Monday, May 05, 2014

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY PURSUANT TO
OHIO REVISED CODE 149.43
(THE STATE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT)
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Auction/Reverse Auction - Thursday, January 10, 2013

SURPLUS AUCTION

Lake County is authorized by R.C. 307.12 to dispose of county-owned surplus property by online auction. The following rules governing conduct of the online auction and general terms and conditions of sale were adopted by the Board of Lake County Commissioners by resolution 20081002\C01 dated October 2, 2008.

- [PUBLIC NOTICE](#)
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- [LINK TO AUCTION SITE](#)

E-PROCUREMENT/REVERSE AUCTION

The Lake County Board of Commissioners intends to procure services or supplies by E-Procurement/Reverse Auction as authorized by Ohio Revised Code 9.314 for procurement of services or supplies by online auction and pursuant to the rules adopted by resolution 20080626\C09, dated June 26, 2008 and to the agreement for implementation services,

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4.4.14 PH1 Sign In Sheets

CDBG/HOME MANDATORY MEETING ROSTER April 4, 2014			
42	The NRP Group, LLC	Mary	Hada
43	Timberlake/CT Consultants	Joyce	Bond
44	Village of Grand River	Ron	Balog
45	Western Reserve Community DeSabinna	Waynes	
46	Wickliffe/CT Consultants	Joyce	Bond
47	Willoughby Eastlake Library	Lori	Sebulski
48	Willoughby Eastlake Library	Tom	Johnson
49	Willoughby Hills	Gloria	Majewski
50	Willowick, City of	Joe	Dominick
51	YMCA Central Branch	Clint	Simons
52	YMCA Central Branch	Bob	Diak
53	YOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	Robert	Diak
54	YOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	AN	Diak
55	BEC ENTERPRISES	Becky	LYNCH
56	U-Magalis		

CDBG/HOME MANDATORY MEETING ROSTER April 4, 2014			
32	Madison Township	Lee	Bodnar
33	Majewski, Kent		
34	New Directions for Living	Gwen	Corban
35	Painesville ABE	Mary Ann	Kerwood
36	Painesville, City of	Doug	Lewis
37	Rabbit Run Community Arts Ass	Brint	Learned
38	Rebuilding Together	Tom	Podowski
39	Royal Family KIDS Camps #271	Dr. Laura	Tradowsky
40	Salvation Army	Robert	Bender
41	Salvation Army	Nicholas	Gillpin
42	Shanluk & Associates	Kay	Shanluk

CDBG/HOME MANDATORY MEETING ROSTER April 4, 2014			
16	General Health District, Lake Co	Kathleen	Durchik
17	Historical Society	Ron	Burkholder
18	Historical Society	Jack	Gorka
19	Historical Society	Dick	Purnal
20	U.S. English Company	Jeff	English
21	Lake County Community Netwo	Beatrice	Ujanic
22	Lake County Department of Utili	Matt	Armand
23	Lake County Small Business Ass	Martin	Gareau
24	Lake County Ohio Port & Econo	Cathy	Walsh
25	Lake Metroparks	Larry	Elswick
26	Lake Metropolitan Housing Autl	Melissa	Winfield
27	Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers	Melanie	Blasko
28	Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers	Tom	Tuttle
29	Leroy Township	Chuck	Klco
30	Lifeline, Inc.	Carrie	Dotson
31	Lifeline, Inc.	Maribel	Young

CDBG/HOME MANDATORY MEETING ROSTER April 4, 2014			
1	Beacon Health	Kathy	Popp
2	Beacon Health	Spence	Kline
3	Buildings & Grounds	Chuck	Klco
4	Council on Aging	Lyle	Shull
5	Crossroads	Alice	Iden
6	Eastlake, City of	Donna	Vaughn
7	Eastlake Police Dept.-Victim's	Christine	Tyson-Gibaldi
8	Ecumenical Shelter Network	Judy	Burr
9	Ecumenical Shelter Network	Denise	Jones
10	Extended Housing, Inc.	Karen	McLeod
11	Fair Housing Resource Center, In	Patricia	Kidd
12	Fairport Harbor, Village of (CT)	Scott	Wood
13	Family Planning Assoc. of NEO, I	Mary	Wynne Peaspanen
14	Forbes House	Jeanne	Myers
15	Free Clinic	Johanna	Henz



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PRESS RELEASE

2/28/2014 1:06 PM

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Lake County Office of
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July 24, 2014

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PLEASE PRINT NAME	
Nick Nebelski	- Fair Housing
Karen McLeod	Extended Housing
Carrie Dotson	- Lifeline, Inc.
Rhea Benton	- L.C. Planning & C.D.
Johanna Hentz	- Lake County Free Clinic
Mary Wynne-Pearson	- Family Planning Association
Sandra Luther	Family Planning Assoc
Billy Lynn	Citizen of Lake County (Public)
Spencer Kline	Benson Health
Tom Stephovich	L.C. Planning & C.D.
David Radach	L.C. Planning & C.D.
Marion Harmon	L.C. PCD

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7.24.14 PH2 Sign In Sheet

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

Lake County received seven verbal comments regarding the Plan during Public hearing #2. Five comments were in support of medical programs, rental assistance, 211 services, prenatal care services, and employment services. One commentor requested additional funding (beyond the proposed award) for foreclosure prevention counseling. One commentor was not in favor of the proposed funding for the economic development loan program.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

The need for additional funding for foreclosure prevention counseling was expressed. This service fulfills the needs of Lake County residents, however, due to limited funding, it was not funded beyond the proposed award. The view that economic development was not needed was not accepted. Lake County provided information regarding the past performance of the loan program and referenced the Consolidated Plan for information on the need for economic development activities.

7. Summary

The public hearings were held in a open forum and were promoted as a process that invited opportunity to present information on the County's CDBG and HOME programs and to gather information from interested parties concerning housing, community development, and economic development needs of the community. The County received favorable and unfavorable comments from the public. It was recognized that, with reduced federal and state resources and reduced state and local tax revenues, jurisdictions must do more with less and focus on consolidation, cooperation and collaboration. At the public hearing #1, agencies and communities were encouraged to work together and share resources to meet the needs of Lake County residents. The need to fulfill objectives outlined in the Consolidated Plan was stressed. Applicants were encouraged to be mindful of the public service cap work within guidelines and regulations.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	LAKE COUNTY	
CDBG Administrator		Lake County
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		Lake County
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

Coordination and collaboration are necessary to develop and promote strategic investment of limited resources.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

Jurisdiction provides staff of the Planning & Community Development Office to participate in other strategic plans of appropriate related agencies. Staff participated in Strategic Plan of Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority and the Community Action Agency Lifeline's community assessment required of them for Community Services Block Grant.

Jurisdiction staff from LCPCD are actively involved in the local/regional/state Continuum of Care. The local CofC website is www.homeisinsight.org and it contains: membership rosters, minutes and recent projects. The Region 5 website <http://www.ohioboscocregion5.org> is also a valuable resource to northeast Ohio. Lake ADAMHS Board actively participates in the Continuum at the local, regional and state level as well with their administration of Shelter PlusCare.

The County and local housing agencies continue to work together within The Coalition for Housing and Support Services of Lake County, Inc. The Coalition brings the County, the Housing Authority and non-profit agencies together at least once a month to discuss housing issues, services, solutions and coordination in efforts to assist county residents with affordable housing and other housing needs. Coalition member agencies strive to "Educate, Collaborate and Advocate" in the utilization of available resources. The Coalition conducts an annual event known as "Report to the Community" and maintains a web presence at www.chsslc.org that contains past publications and links to membership.

These two entities serve as a means of facilitating coordination of housing and services between agencies involved.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

Jurisdiction staff from LCPCD and an Administrative Consultant compensated with CDBG funds are actively involved in the Continuum of Care at the local, regional and state level. This involvement is described in the next paragraph and more thoroughly in AP-65.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

Lake County is a part of Region V of the Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (OH-BOSCOC). The County staff person serving as Program Manager/HOME Administrator has served as chairperson of the Lake County CofC for several years. County CDBG funds are used to retain services of a person (Kay Shaniuk / Shaniuk & Associates, LLC) tha serves as Administrative Consultant to the CofC and the county's representative at the regional level. Lake County maintains regular communication with the Ohio Development Services Agency Office of Community Development, COHHIO staff and Region 5 lead agency as well as other regional and local service delivery partners.

State directives are shared with local agencies and staff involved through participation in pertinent meetings and webinars. The implementation of HEARTH regulations has and will likely continue to be rapid and challenging. ESG awards are determined at the state level and provided to the local shelter Project Hope. Lake County government will administer its share of the HCRP funds awarded. HMIS used is ServicePoint 5. Agency staffs as well as County staff/consultant have completed at least introductory level training. Participation in ongoing monthly reporting and troubleshooting will result in improved outcome measures. Emergency shelter and Transitional housing providers recognize that the outcome measures have changed and most are working to align existing programs to comply with expected outcome measures. In those program areas that local agencies are not making necessary adjustments, additional local agencies with demonstrated related capacity are becoming more involved in securing and using additional resources.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

2	Agency/Group/Organization	Lifeline, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Lifeline, Inc is the Community Action Agency serving Lake County. Staff of LCPCD participated in this agency's needs assessment process required by CSBG program.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	LAKE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Lake MHA conducted sessions with stakeholders to prepare a strategic plan. Through development of additional public housing units and opening the HCV program to new applicants additional affordable housing opportunities will be available

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

None

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	OHIO --BOSCO & Region 5	Reducing homelessness and length of stay
Lifeline, Inc. - CSBG Needs Assessment	Lifeline - Community Action Agency	Providing tenant based rental assistance helps improve choice for persons seeking to rent an affordable unit. Agency provides for HEAP, 211 referral line and TBRA Placement
LMHA Strategic Plan	Lake Metro Housing Authority	Provision of additional affordable housing opportunities for low income households

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

Optional

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

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Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	4.4.14 - Public Hearing #1. The 56 attendees consisted mostly of staff of non-profit agencies, community agencies such as libraries and mental health agencies, and units of local government. Overall, the responses were positive. This meeting served as our mandatory pre-application meeting for CDBG and HOME programs.	Comments received were verbal only. Attendees asked questions regarding the CDBG and HOME application process and eligibility criteria.	All verbal comments were accepted, and the jurisdiction provided information and answered questions.	

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				<p>Comments received were largely positive. The majority of the attendees supported the proposed projects. Several attendees provided positive verbal comments. There were two attendees that did not support the proposed projects. The comments are detailed below. All comments received were verbal. They are summarized below: 1. Ms. Johanna Henz, Lake County Free Clinic, expressed support of the funding of the medical and dental programs; 2. Ms. Karen McCloud, Extended Housing, expressed support of proposed projects and provided an</p>		
OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 07/31/2015)			Annual Action Plan 2014		21	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c) (1, 2)

Introduction

The priority table below is not fillable. I submitted this issue to the OneCPD/HUD Exchange "Ask a Question" on 8/8/14. I have received no response. I notified my HUD Representative of this dilemma by e-mail on 8/11/14. Because the table is not fillable, I entered the necessary information in the "discussion" section below. However, because the annual plan sections are all connected, this issue affects section AP-20 as well.

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Agencies and Localities are awarded CDBG and HOME funds competitively on an annual basis. CDBG Applications that demonstrate leveraged funds are given preference during the application process. Applicants must show the amount of leveraged funds, and their sources (private, state, and local.) Within the HOME Application it is required that at least minimum 25% match is shown at the point of submission.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs

identified in the plan

The proposed activity - installation of a playground in a low-income block group in Painesville Township, involves land currently owned by the Lake County Land Bank. The property will be transferred to Painesville Township upon completion of the playground, and the Township will maintain the property. The proposed activity will tie-in to the "suitable living environment" objective in the County's Consolidated Plan.

Discussion

CDBG 1,265,159 annual allocation

CDBG PI 102,443 expected program income

Total CDBG 1,367,602

HOME 370,657 annual allocation

HOME PI 38,612 expected program income

Total HOME 409,269

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

No Goals Found

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Safe and decent housing	2012	2016	Affordable Housing	Lake County	Housing Rehabilitation Infrastructure Improvements Homeless Persons Assistance		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 8 Households Assisted Rental units constructed: 3 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 50 Household Housing Unit
2	Suitable living environment	2012	2016	Affordable Housing Public Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Lake County	Public Facilities Improvements		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 17312 Persons Assisted Buildings Demolished: 19559 Buildings

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Supportive Services	2012	2016	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Lake County	Social Services Support		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 41713 Persons Assisted
4	Assist Homeless and Special Needs Population	2012	2016	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Lake County	Homeless Persons Assistance		Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 284 Households Assisted
5	Regionally coordinated ec. dev. planning strategy	2012	2016	Non-Housing Community Development economic development	Lake County	Economic Development Loans		Jobs created/retained: 8 Jobs
6	Infrastructure Improvements	2012	2016	Non-Housing Community Development	Lake County	Infrastructure Improvements		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 17400 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Safe and decent housing
	Goal Description	For the Annual Plan, the funding designated for the Safe and Decent Housing goal is \$486,591.00.
2	Goal Name	Suitable living environment
	Goal Description	The funding designated for the "suitable living environment" goal for this annual plan is \$140,200.00.
3	Goal Name	Supportive Services
	Goal Description	The funding designated for the strategic plan goal "supportive services" for this annual plan is \$189,770.00.
4	Goal Name	Assist Homeless and Special Needs Population
	Goal Description	For the Annual Plan, the funding designated for the "Assist Homeless and Special Needs Population" is \$277,000.00.
5	Goal Name	Regionally coordinated ec. dev. planning strategy
	Goal Description	The funding designated for the strategic plan goal, "regionally coordinated ec. dev. planning strategy" for this annual plan is \$150,000.00.
6	Goal Name	Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	The funding designated for the "infrastrucion improvements" strategic plan goal is \$102,158.00.

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

Extremely low income less than 30% AMI - Households of this income level type will primarily be assisted with HOME - TBRA projects (150) and

activities and with Ohio BOSCO Homeless Crisis Response Program funds for Rapid Re-Housing (20) and Transitional Housing (5). With these combined activities it is anticipated that 175 households will be assisted but note that the HCRP units are homeless goals not affordable housing goals and those 25 units are not included in the table within AP-55. Those household types will include singles, disabled, family and elderly. This income level is not prevented from participating in other CDBG Program housing activities but most owner households are at a higher income level.

Low Income less than 50% AMI but above 30% AMI - Households of this type will also benefit from HOME - TBRA activities described above (124) with some additional owner households (15) participating in housing rehabilitation. The anticipated number of households to be assisted is 135.

Moderate Income less than 80% AMI but above 50% AMI - Households of this type will also benefit from TBRA activities described above (20) with even more owner households participating in housing rehabilitation (35). The anticipated number of households to be assisted is 55.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The proposed projects were selected for funding based on the needs outlined in Lake County's Consolidated Plan. Projects are selected annually on a competitive basis. Each project meets a national objective established by HUD.

#	Project Name
1	Public Improvements
2	Public Facilities
3	Economic Development
4	Housing Programs
5	Public Services
6	CDBG Program Administration
7	Tenant based rental assistance - TBRA
8	New Construction Rental
9	CHDO Operations
10	Home Projects Administration

Table 8 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The level of need far outpaces the allocation of funds to the jurisdiction from HUD under CDBG and HOME entitlement programs thus the establishment of realistic priorities for program investment are a necessity. Priorities for investment and other forms of support are outlined in the strategic plan. Lake County continues to see an increase in population; however, that increase has been reduced to 1% in recent years. Cost burden is identified as a significant problem for both owners and renters. As in the past, the majority of the housing in Lake County 67.9% is owner-occupied housing while rentals comprise 26.7%. Affordable housing remains an obstacle for special needs households. Supportive services are needed to assist those families struggling with moderate cost burden and severe cost burden. Some services identified in the assessment include meals for seniors, transportation for the elderly and disabled population, case management for individuals with alcohol and substance abuse problems and HIV/AIDS, dental and medical services, and adult day care for persons with disabilities. Survey results identified the desire for economic programs to promote businesses and create jobs.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	Public Improvements
	Target Area	Lake County
	Goals Supported	Suitable living environment Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Improvements Public Facilities Improvements
	Funding	:
	Description	Activities: (1)City of Painesville - Commercial Demolition \$30,000 570.201(d)/04 570.208(b)(2)/SBS; (2)City of Wickliffe - ADA Curb Cuts \$24,000 570.201(c)/03K 570.208(a)(2)(A) LMC; (3)Lake Co. Land Reutilization Corp. - Park Installation \$27,000 570.201(c)/03F 570.208(a)(1) LMA
	Target Date	9/30/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	33,341
	Location Description	257 East Main Street, City of Painesville; City of Wickliffe (various locations); Painesville Township (Parcel #'s 11B041G010560 & 11B041G010570)

	Planned Activities	Activities: (1)City of Painesville - Commercial Demolition \$30,000; (2)City of Wickliffe - ADA Curb Cuts \$24,000; (3)Lake Co. Land Reutilization Corp. - Painesville Township Park Installation \$27,000
2	Project Name	Public Facilities
	Target Area	Lake County
	Goals Supported	Suitable living environment Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Improvements Public Facilities Improvements
	Funding	:
	Description	Activities: (1) Beacon Health - Parking Lot Improvements \$45,000 570.201(C)/03B 570.208(a)(2)(A)/LMI; (2) Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority - Fire Safety Equipment Replacement \$50,100 570.202/14B 570.208(a)(3) LMH; (3) Rabbit Run Theater - ADA Accessible Walkway and Parking Spaces \$33,158 570.201(C)/03E 570.208(a)(2)(A) LMC; (4) Cross Roads - Playground Improvement \$14,900 570.201(c)/03P 570.208(a)(2)(A); (5) Lake County YMCA - ADA Entryway Improvement \$18,200 570.201(c)/03E 570.208(2)(D)(ii)
	Target Date	9/30/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20,930
	Location Description	9220 Mentor Avenue, Mentor Ohio; 200 West Jackson Street, Painesville OH and 111 East Washington Street, Painesville OH; 5648 West Chapel Road, Madison OH; 1083 Mentor Avenue, Painesville, OH and 8445 Munson Road, Mentor Ohio; 37100 Euclid Ave, Willoughby OH

	Planned Activities	Activities: (1) Beacon Health - Parking Lot Improvements \$45,000; (2) Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority - Fire Safety Equipment Replacement \$50,100; (3) Rabbit Run Theater - ADA Accessible Walkway and Parking Spaces \$33,158; (4) Cross Roads - Playground Improvement \$14,900; (5) Lake County YMCA - ADA Entryway Improvement \$18,200
3	Project Name	Economic Development
	Target Area	Lake County
	Goals Supported	Regionally coordinated ec. dev. planning strategy
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Loans
	Funding	:
	Description	Activity: (1) Lake County Port Authority - Economic Development Loan Program \$150,000 570.203(b)/18A 570.208(a)(4)(i)/LMJ
	Target Date	9/30/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8 jobs created
	Location Description	various locations
	Planned Activities	Activity: (1) Lake County Port Authority - Economic Development Loan Program \$150,000
4	Project Name	Housing Programs
	Target Area	Lake County
	Goals Supported	Safe and decent housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	:

	Description	Activities: (1) Western Reserve Community Development Corporation - Housing Rehabilitation Programs \$330,000 570.202/14A 570.208(a)(3)/LMH; (2) City of Willowick - Hearts & Hammers Housing Rehabilitation Program \$25,000 570.202/14A 570.208(a)(3)/LMH; (3) Village of Fairport Harbor - Drain/Sewer Separation Program \$75,000 570.202/14A 570.208(a)(3)/LMH
	Target Date	9/30/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	58
	Location Description	various locations
	Planned Activities	Activities: (1) Western Reserve Community Development Corporation - Housing Rehabilitation Programs \$330,000; (2) City of Willowick - Hearts & Hammers Housing Rehabilitation Program \$25,000; (3) Village of Fairport Harbor - Drain/Sewer Separation Program \$75,000
5	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	Lake County
	Goals Supported	Supportive Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services Support
	Funding	:

	Description	Activities: (1) Ecumenical Shelter Network - Homeless Shelter \$66,370 570.201(e)/03T 570.208(a)(2)(i)(C)/LMC; (2) Lake County Free Clinic - Dental Care Program \$17,000 570.201(e)/05M 570.208(a)(2)(C)/LMC; (3) Lake County Free Clinic - Medical Care Program \$10,000 570.201(e)/05M 570.208(a)(2)(C)/LMC; (4) Lifeline - 211 System \$15,000 570.201(e)/05M 570.208(a)(2)(C)/LMC; (5) Forbes House - Domestic Violence Advocate \$8,000 570.201(e)/05G 570.208(a)(2)(C)/LMC; (6) Beacon Health - Employment Services Program \$14,400 570.201(e)/05H 570.208(a)(2)(A)/LMC; (7) Lake County General Health District - Newborn Home Visit Program \$10,000 570.201(e)/05L 570.208(a)(2)(i)(C)/LMC; (8) Lake County Community Network - Crisis Assistance Program \$12,000 570.201(e)/05Q 570.208(a)(2)(i)(C)/LMC; (9) Fair Housing Resource Center - Landlord Tenant and Foreclosure Counseling \$15,000 570.201(e)/05U 570.208(a)(2)(i)(C)/LMC; (10) Royal Family Kids Camp - Mentoring and Club Program \$7,000 570.201(e)/05N 570.208(a)(2)(A)/LMC; (11) Family Planning - Pre Natal Care Visits \$5,000 570.201(e)/05M 570.208(a)(2)(i)(C)/LMC; (12) Eastlake Police Athletic League - Youth Program \$10,000 570.201(e)/05D 570.208(a)(2)(D)/LMC
	Target Date	9/30/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	41,713
	Location Description	Serving various locations within Lake County.
	Planned Activities	Activities: (1) Ecumenical Shelter Network - Homeless Shelter \$66,370; (2) Lake County Free Clinic - Dental Care Program \$17,000; (3) Lake County Free Clinic - Medical Care Program \$10,000; (4) Lifeline - 211 System \$15,000; (5) Forbes House - Domestic Violence Advocate \$8,000; (6) Beacon Health - Employment Services Program \$14,400; (7) Lake County General Health District - Newborn Home Visit Program \$10,000; (8) Lake County Community Network - Crisis Assistance Program \$12,000; (9) Fair Housing Resource Center - Landlord Tenant and Foreclosure Counseling \$15,000; (10) Royal Family Kids Camp - Mentoring and Club Program \$7,000; (11) Family Planning - Pre Natal Care Visits \$5,000; (12) Eastlake Police Athletic League - Youth Program \$10,000

6	Project Name	CDBG Program Administration
	Target Area	Lake County
	Goals Supported	Safe and decent housing Suitable living environment Supportive Services Assist Homeless and Special Needs Population Regionally coordinated ec. dev. planning strategy Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Infrastructure Improvements Social Services Support Economic Development Loans Homeless Persons Assistance Public Facilities Improvements
	Funding	:
	Description	Activities: Program Administration \$200,531/21A; Fair Housing Administration \$40,000/21D; Continuum of Care Consultant \$12,500/21E
	Target Date	9/30/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Activities: Program Administration \$200,531; Fair Housing Administration \$40,000; Continuum of Care Consultant \$12,500

7	Project Name	Tenant based rental assistance - TBRA
	Target Area	Lake County
	Goals Supported	Safe and decent housing Supportive Services Assist Homeless and Special Needs Population
	Needs Addressed	Social Services Support Homeless Persons Assistance
	Funding	:
	Description	Activities: (1) Extended Housing - Subsidy \$36,000 (570.204/LMH 92.209 HOME); (2) Lifeline - Subsidy \$42,000(570.204/LMH 92.209 HOME); (3) Fair Housing Resource Center - Retention \$66,000(570.204/LMH 92.209 HOME); (4) Lifeline - Placement \$133,000(570.204/LMH 92.209 HOME)
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	284 households
	Location Description	various locations throughout Lake County

	Planned Activities	<p>Provide TBRA to eligible households in the form of Subsidy, Retention and Placement.</p> <p>Activities: (1) Extended Housing - Subsidy \$36,000 - Long term stable subsidy to income eligible veteran households where adult member experiences severe and persistent mental illness; Provide stable subsidy to approximately six veteran households for up to 24 months allowing time to secure independent housing or to secure alternate publically supported housing.</p> <p>(2) Lifeline - Subsidy \$42,000; Medium term diminishing subsidy to income eligible households while self-sufficiency (ie. Educational) program is completed. Provide approximately six households with up to 18 months of diminishing rental subsidy.</p> <p>(3) Fair Housing Resource Center - Retention \$66,000; Crisis based intervention that provides eviction prevention to approximately 20 households up to 80% of AMI.</p> <p>(4) Lifeline - Placement \$133,000; Provide assistance with security deposit and or 1st month rent allowing household to access a decent safe and sanitary rental housing unit. Provision of financial assistance to approximately 150 households in securing unit. Additional assistance provided in the form of unit inspection and landlord tenant & fair housing education materials</p>
8	Project Name	New Construction Rental
	Target Area	Lake County
	Goals Supported	Safe and decent housing Supportive Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services Support Homeless Persons Assistance
	Funding	:

	Description	Activity: (1) Western Reserve Community Development Corporation \$45,000
	Target Date	9/30/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 households, very low income
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Activity: (1) Western Reserve Community Development Corporation \$45,000
9	Project Name	CHDO Operations
	Target Area	Lake County
	Goals Supported	Safe and decent housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	:
	Description	Activity: (1) Western Reserve Community Development Corporation \$11,591.30 (92.208 and 92.300 HOME)
	Target Date	9/30/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
10	Project Name	Home Projects Administration

Target Area	Lake County
Goals Supported	Safe and decent housing Suitable living environment Supportive Services Assist Homeless and Special Needs Population
Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Homeless Persons Assistance
Funding	:
Description	Activities: (1) HOME Administration \$37,065.70 (570.206/92.207 HOME)
Target Date	9/30/2015
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
Location Description	
Planned Activities	

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The County allocates funding on an annual competitive grant basis. Therefore, our macro level target area is the entire county (excluding Mentor and Waite Hill). Those projects applying based on an area-wide benefit must be located in an income eligible block group as shown in the Consolidated Plan, or they must conduct an income survey for proof of compliance.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Effective collaboration and the use of technology are keys to Lake County's strategic use of funds allocated. Collaboration allowed framers of the Consolidated Plan to fully assess the wide ranging needs of residents and businesses alike. The organization of our strategy within the Plan is in keeping with the objectives stated in the Plan's Executive Summary that is focused on: Housing, Infrastructure, Support Services, Service Coordination to COC/Homeless agencies/populations, and Economic Development.

Discussion

Located adjacent to Cuyahoga County (Cleveland), the County enjoys approximately 30 miles of Lake Erie shoreline. The County is home to 23 communities, including 9 cities, 9 villages and 5 townships with populations ranging from 226 in Lakeline Village to 47,159 in the City of Mentor. Lake County is the geographically the smallest county in Ohio, but ranks 11th in population with 230,041 residents representing a growth of 1.1% from the 2000 Census.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The Lake County Housing Rehabilitation Program will support, and help preserve, affordable housing stock by providing housing rehabilitation assistance programs to income eligible residents utilizing \$330,000 in CDBG funds to provide deferred loans to eligible home owners. Through the Housing Rehabilitation Program and Emergency Repair Program assistance is provided to low and moderate income homeowners to have structural improvements made to their homes that eliminate health and safety concerns, and building code violations. The County will also provide home rehabilitation funds to the Hearts and Hammers program in Willowick. This program typically address smaller home repair needs throughout the community and leverage volunteer labor to meet the National Objectives.

The County's housing programs will continue to work over the next year to overcome the barriers of re-investment in existing affordable housing and the older neighborhoods of the County. These programs encourage private re-investment in the County's housing stock by eliminating substandard housing conditions, creating home ownership opportunities, promoting home maintenance, increasing depressed property values, and developing affordable housing on vacant lots.

A limited down payment assistance program will be conducted in conjunction with Western Reserve Community Development and other partners able to provide value to this effort that will increase the access of affordable housing to households below 80% AMI. A proposed project to develop new single family housing for rent with Western Reserve Community Development and other partners able to provide value to this effort is in the development stage. The County HOME program will allocate approximately \$277,000 for tenant based rental assistance. The funds will be used for subsidy, placement and retention.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	325
Special-Needs	12
Total	337

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	284
The Production of New Units	3

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rehab of Existing Units	50
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	337

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Affordable housing will be supported by CDBG funds with the following projects: LMHA fire safety equipment (180); WR CDC Housing Rehab Program (45 units); City of Willowick Hearts and Hammers (5 units); Ecumenical Shelter (400); FHRC foreclosure/landlord tenant counseling (300); Village of Fairport Harbor Drain/Sewer Separation Program (8)

Affordable housing will be supported by HOME funds with the following projects that should result in assistance to the approximate number of households shown in parentheses. Tenant Based Rental Assistance Subsidy: Lifeline & Extended Housing (12) Placement: Lifeline (150), Retention : Fair Housing Resource Center (20);

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

In 2012, LMHA purchased River Isle apartments in the City of Willoughby. This location has allowed for the expansion of public housing into the western portion of the County. The River Isle renovation is nearly completed, and 40 additional units of affordable housing are available in Lake County. This property will be serving families with 2 & 3 bedroom units. During the renovation process, asbestos was identified in the building, and CDBG funds were used in program year 2013 to address that issue. Additionally, the waiting list for the Housing Choice Voucher Program was reopened on July 14, 2014.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

Actions planned include providing CDBG funding to assist with the replacement of the aging fire safety equipment in both of the elderly/disable high rises that are located in Painesville. The existing equipment is nearly 20 years old and is no longer servicable. The current equipment is responsible for numerous false alarms requiring Painesville FD to respond to buildings.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

Lake MHA administers programs and funds that provide training and assistance to help them progress to homeownership and other steps toward self-sufficiency.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

Lake LMHA is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

Lake County, the jurisdiction and the Lake MHA have a good working relationship. Representatives of Lake MHA are regular participants in the Continuum and Coalition meetings. Financial limitations affect the ability to meet emerging and increased needs. The HCV program was reopened after having been closed for over three years. The Lake MHA has been conducting a thorough evaluation of their ranking criteria and assistance levels.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

Lake County is part of the Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (OH-BOSCOC). Within the OH-BOSCOC regional divisions, Lake County is part of Region 5. Other counties within this region are Ashtabula, Geauga, Portage and Trumbull. OH-BOSCOC has adopted a number of policies, strategies and outcome metrics designed to align with the desired outcomes put forth by HEARTH. These strategies are published within the website of Ohio Development Services Agency and their contractual partner Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO). As a part of Region 5, Lake County is supporting modifications to existing local programming where possible to maintain compliance and thus minimize the potential of funding reductions from the state and region.

Homeless Crisis Response Program is the only current resource provided through State of Ohio that is managed in part by LCPCD. The Lake County ADAMHS Board administers a combined three part ShelterPlus Care award of vouchers in conjunction with a nonprofit agency, Extended Housing Inc. That agency also operates a PATH program providing outreach to the eligible severely mentally ill homeless population. Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County, Inc. dba Project Hope for the Homeless administers ESG funds provided from the state for emergency shelter operations.

For the past three years the Lake County Continuum of Care has been staffed by a consultant who is compensated with CDBG administrative funds and for an additional four years it has been chaired by a Program Manager of Lake County Planning & Community Development (LCPCD). Lake County is part of the Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (OH-BOSCOC). Within the OH-BOSCOC regional divisions, Lake County is part of Region 5. Other counties within this region are Ashtabula, Geauga, Portage and Trumbull. OH-BOSCOC has adopted a number of policies, strategies and outcome metrics designed to align with the desired outcomes put forth by HEARTH. These strategies are published within the website of Ohio Development Services Agency and their contractual partner Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO). As a part of Region 5, Lake County is supporting modifications to existing local programming where possible to maintain compliance and thus minimize the potential of funding reductions from the state and region.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their

individual needs

Lake County, while a CDBG & HOME entitlement jurisdiction, does not fully control funding available through the Continuum of Care process at OH-BOSCOC. Efforts will be maintained to obtain and use all additional funds that may be made available and it is with those funds that Lake County will primarily use to address homelessness. The county will continue to dedicate CDBG funding to both the emergency shelter and the domestic violence shelter as well as the organizational efforts of the Continuum of Care. As a part of Region 5, Lake County is supporting modifications to existing local programming where possible to maintain compliance and thus minimize the potential of funding reductions from the state and region.

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County Continuum of Care. Extended Housing, Inc.'s Homeless Outreach Workers will continue the work that involves engaging those homeless person that are on the street and linking them to health assessment and other support services as indicated.

The 211 Lake County referral service acts as a coordinated intake point for the Continuum of Care providers in the county. This service also accepts and maintains the reservations of available bed space at the general population emergency shelter.

Coordinated intake offered by 211 is also available for persons seeking shelter as a result of domestic violence but due to separate (VAWA) federal law and regulations Forbes House, the domestic violence shelter normally provides this service directly. Forbes House has been awarded funds to counsel and advocate for their residents. Persons who are seeking shelter as a result of domestic violence are considered literally homeless under part four of the definition.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Demand for emergency shelter has increased. Currently the number of beds at Project Hope is 35 but a major project is underway that may eventually provide up to an additional 35 beds. The number of homeless families has also increased. CDBG funds have been directed to Project Hope shelter operations. With the expansion of the shelter additional room will be made available for families to foster a safer and more enriching environment.

The shelters continue to serve a needier population with multiple disabling conditions. The barrier assessment tool used within Region 5 BOSCOC provides a mechanism for making appropriate referrals. From a “housed” condition there are diversion efforts to keep the person from entering emergency shelter. From an emergency shelter situation the referral to a transitional program is made for those persons with such severe barriers that they will likely need a permanent supportive housing unit and thus must have their qualifying homeless status preserved. Despite the addition of a 17 unit facility in the county (McKinley Grove) there remains a lengthy waiting list for PSH. The limited funds for transitional housing from the state have been cut 25% from \$34K to \$28K. Shelter PlusCare funds have also been reduced but to a lesser extent.

The local experience is that the majority of persons who are in either of the emergency shelters have multiple severe barriers to securing and maintaining housing independently. Limited funds from the state are available for Rapid Re-Housing; however the desired outcome measure for program duration identified in the state’s strategy is 120 days with an additional requirement for earned income at exit. This time frame is insufficient to address the issues clients face and allow them to make a successful transition. Recent experience is demonstrating that this will lead to increased recidivism at shelters and or return to unhealthy or unsustainable living arrangements.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

Homeless prevention with services support had been a funded activity with prior state grants but regulatory changes adopted (30%AMI & court summons) have made that activity with that funding source untenable. The county plans to continue using HOME funds to provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance (Retention) as a form of prevention assistance through subrecipient Fair Housing Resource

Center, Inc. Approximately 20 households should benefit. Rather than prevention, the OH BOSCO has required that diversion be used whenever possible to preserve funding for those persons having the highest need and least financial and support systems resources.

While County staff has minimal contact with the homeless it has provided leadership in structuring the system that provides for proper and adequate referrals. The referrals to housing as well as referrals to/from emergency shelters and street outreach are conducted within the agencies noted within the attached flow chart. Several of these agencies are recipients of CDBG and or HOME funds.

Other supportive housing is provided through the Lake County ADAMHS Board through both locally funded initiatives and through several Shelter Plus Care grants. That group coordinates with the local, regional and state Continua of Care on the grant delivery.

An existing housing provider that has traditionally served persons exiting drug/alcohol treatment centers no longer qualifies for the “Transitional housing” name since their residents are not considered homeless per the statute as applied in Ohio. This has been a challenge to this group since homeless funds have been tied closely to meeting the needs of those that meet the definition of homeless.

Some households need additional assistance in making a transition to independent living. This is especially so as the Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority’s Housing Choice Voucher program had been closed to applications for at least four years. The MHA recently reopened the application process taking 1000 valid applications. Middle and long term subsidy programs using HOME funds have been made available through Forbes House, Lifeline, Inc. and Extended Housing, Inc. These programs have helped some special needs populations have a good transition to independent living. Other households suffering from mental illness may be well served by a Permanent Supportive Housing type structure with services – such as McKinley Grove which recently opened in Painesville City.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

While the county endeavors for this process to be as seamless as possible bringing all the necessary

parties together to participate fully within the local and regional Continuum of Care, this work is challenging in light of the many changes in program design, regulations, required outcomes and organizational structure at the state, regional and local level. An update to the Lake County Plan to End Homelessness is ongoing with an anticipated completion by calendar year end 2014. For each of the subpopulations noted here there is a brief statement of the agency (ies) involved and their role.

Homeless persons with mental health issues Lake County ADAMHS Board in conjunction with agencies Extended Housing, Inc., Beacon Health and Signature Health. Homeless persons with Health issues of a more general type – The Lake County Free Medical and Dental Clinic is an occasional participant in the Continuum meetings.

Corrections – The Adult Parole Authority had participated in Continuum meetings but within the past two years there have been two new emerging groups that will advocate for and serve that population: Lake County Re-Entry Coalition & Citizens’ Circle. The Lake County Jail also cooperates in the Point in Time Count and has allowed use of their lobby and sidewalk area as a bus stop for persons travelling to the shelter.

Lastly an employee of the Lake County Ohio Job and Family Services provides input to the Continuum of Care. Their broad mission helps to address the social services, employment, education and / or youth needs.

Discussion

HOPWA, Lake County is not a recipient of HOPWA.

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family
Tenant-based rental assistance
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds
Total

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction

Education, collaboration and Planning are some of the means used by the jurisdiction to promote affordable sustainable housing.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

As a county in Ohio, the jurisdiction, has limited ability to impact the items noted above. Counties in Ohio have only advisory capacity to townships in matters relating to zoning and land use planning. At a city or village level, unless a contractual agreement is in place there is not even that level of influence. A county building department monitors and inspects construction as it proceeds for townships or municipalities within the county. Their level of authority to inspect residential, commercial or industrial projects varies from community to community.

The County's application process for CDBG and HOME funding has incrementally increased the fair housing training and compliance component. This year the fair housing compliance component became a threshold requirement in which applicants were required to pass a specific AFFH resolution and participate in one of several pre-approved educational sessions.

Lake County Planning & Community Development participated in the regional fair housing assessment conducted by the North East Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium (NEOSCC) with interest but found the final product of limited use. The report scope was broad. Similar impediments were identified across the region but there was no recognition of progress and success in addressing them.

In FY 2014 CDBG funds will support the fair housing professional services provided by the Fair Housing Resource Center, Inc. Lake County will continue to invest in housing rehabilitation programs to allow low-moderate income homeowners to continue to live in decent, safe and affordable housing. The HOME Program investment in tenant based rental assistance facilitates the choice and open movement of income eligible households throughout the communities of Lake County. As new regulations are adopted (AFFH) requisite steps and implementation plans will be addressed in a timely fashion.

Discussion

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

As past practices have proved successful in determining community needs, the County will continue to work with all governmental jurisdictions, social service organizations, local non-profits and the business community to examine obstacles and develop strategies to effectively address them. In FY14, projects to include:

- Health care services for low income residents (prenatal care, infant, dental, medical, \$42,000)
- Employment/Educational services for low income persons, notably those with mental illness and disabilities (\$14,400)

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The Lake County Housing Rehabilitation Program will support, and help preserve, affordable housing stock by providing housing rehabilitation assistance programs to income eligible residents utilizing \$330,000 in CDBG funds to provide deferred loans and grants. Through the Housing Rehabilitation Program and Emergency Repair Program assistance is provided to low and moderate income homeowners to have structural improvements made to their homes that eliminate health and safety concerns and building code violations. The County will also provide home rehabilitation funds to the Hearts and Hammers program in Willowick. This program typically address smaller home repair needs throughout the community.

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Lead-based paint hazard evaluation and reduction strategies will continue to be integrated into the County's housing rehabilitation programs in the next year. The County will also require contractors participating in the housing rehabilitation programs to become licensed. The County will utilize ODH and EPA licensed contractors to complete any necessary lead hazard reduction in homes rehabilitated through the housing rehabilitation programs.

The County has adopted the current HUD standards (Part 35 of CFR 24 and Section 570.608 of the CDBG regulations) for treatment of lead-based hazards in its housing assistance programs. These standards

cover units that were built prior to 1978 and are or will be occupied by non-elderly households.

All housing units to be assisted by the County will be visually inspected for peeling and chipped paint surfaces. All interior and exterior painted surfaces will be inspected for defective paint. Defective paint surfaces will be assumed to be lead-based paint and will be encapsulated thoroughly or removed before repainting. All surfaces in units occupied by children under 6 years of age who have elevated blood lead levels must be tested with an XRF analyzer or other method such as sending paint chips to a laboratory for analysis.

All owners and occupants of housing units assisted by the County's rehabilitation programs will receive written notice of the hazards of lead-based paint.

Contractors will be required to take reasonable precautions to protect occupants during abatement of lead-based paint as described in Section 570.608.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Lake County will actively seek additional funding sources to assist existing organizations and social services agencies that continue to expand their programs aimed at reducing the number of households with incomes below the poverty line. During the coming year, the County's resources will be targeted to assist extremely low and moderate income households to gain access to decent affordable housing, clean, safe neighborhoods, and employment opportunities. More specifically, the County is taking an aggressive approach to economic development loans to local companies. The surveys obtained for the Consolidated Plan indicated the need for capital which directly relates to increased job opportunities for County residents. Funding is also planned for an employment services for the mentally disabled and educational opportunity for income eligible residents. Our goal is to provide the necessary skills for unemployed individuals to gain meaningful employment.

Eliminate Substandard Housing - Housing improvements that will benefit extremely low income households living in substandard housing. These improvements reduce the monthly housing costs and extend the useful life of affordable housing. Programs include the County Housing Rehabilitation Program, and Hearts and Hammers.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The structure of the Federal grants programs contains a myriad of partners. The County provides assistance to communities and nonprofit agencies to undertake public infrastructure improvements, public facility renovations, and the expansion of needed community social services through the Community Development Block Grant/HOME Program.

In addition, there are several social service agencies and organizations in the County delivering services to the public. These services range from youth programs to recreation and education programs to drug/substance abuse prevention and treatment programs to money management counseling and personal budgeting guidance. The funding for these efforts are from a variety of funding sources, including local, state and federal agencies, the United Way, private foundations, donations, and service based fees. The County provides up to 15% of its annual CDBG allocation to agencies such as the Project Hope, Forbes House, the Free Dental Clinic, and Lifeline to provide social services which meet the needs of County residents.

It is imperative that the countless entities noted above work in concert with another when addressing community development and social service needs in Lake County. Reduced funding, along with an increased need, requires an administrative and funding structure which leverages the resources, provides effective, efficient deliverables and meets the National Objectives. The County Planning & Community Development office, Continuum of Care, Lake County Port Authority and Lake County Housing Coalition often facilitate, and serve as coordinators for various funding scenarios to avoid duplicated programming and identify community needs.

Regarding economic development, Lake County is fortunate to have professional economic development staffs in place in several communities including the Cities of Mentor, Painesville, and Willoughby. Two countywide development organizations also provide resources and technical assistance to local businesses. The Lake County Development Council addresses development issues facing the County. The Lake County Port Authority provides assistance in financing, especially in helping small companies package Small Business Administration (SBA) 504 loans. The Port Authority also administers the Economic Development Loan Fund.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

During the next year, the County will continue to assist several nonprofit and for-profit organizations by leveraging other private, state and federal funds for housing, social service activities and economic development with CDBG and HOME funds. The County will continue to provide resources and technical assistance. The Program Manager of the Planning & Community Development Office will provide input and leadership to The Coalition for Housing and Support Services of Lake County, Inc. and to the Lake County Continuum of Care.

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

HOME Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I) (2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows: Not applicable.
2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows: Homebuyer activities and resulting investment will result in a mortgage and recapture lien being recorded with the Lake County Recorder. It is planned that a five year period of affordability will be secured by such a document when the investment of HOME funds is less than \$5,000.
3. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows: Not applicable.

Discussion

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed: \$64,654.00.
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan: \$0.
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements: \$0.
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan: \$0.
5. The amount of float funded activities: \$0.

Total Program Income: \$64,654.00.

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities: \$0.
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that includes this Annual Action Plan.: 98%.

